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Lake Carriers' Association Attn: James H. I. Weakley, President Suite 915 614 West Superior Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113-1383

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your submission of an Alternative Security Program for the members of the Lake Carriers' Association. We are pleased to inform you that, after review, it has been determined that your proposed program meets the applicable regulatory requirements and that you and your members are authorized to implement it immediately in its entirety. It shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of this approval.

You are reminded that it is the responsibility of the Lake Carriers' Association to keep this office informed of which members will be utilizing your approved program and to advise this office, as well, should any of your members discontinue their association with your organization or choose to discontinue adherence to this program. You are further reminded that your members utilizing this program must conduct a yearly audit, advise you of any amendments that may be needed, and, in turn, you are required to submit a revised Alternative Security Program to this office for review and approval.

Sincerely,

L. L. HERETH

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MP)

Director, Port Security